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Military Intelligence Service
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MEMORANDUM NO. 27

TO: All Concerned.

SUBJECT: Procedure, War Department Intelligence Plan.

1. PLAN:

a. The War Department Intelligence Plan is a statement of War Department strategic intelligence needs prepared by the Military Intelligence Division in collaboration with other War Department General Staff Divisions, Special Staff Divisions and Major Commands. The EEI have been approved by the Chief of Staff, U. S. Army.

b. Responsible agencies receiving the War Department Intelligence Plan will take action for its implementation as indicated below.

2. ACTION:

a. Distribution of Plan.

(1) The Director of Intelligence, MIS, will prepare and maintain the War Department Intelligence Plan and transmit it to the Director of Information for forwarding to collecting agencies.

b. Collection of Information.

(1) Upon receipt of the Plan, collection and transmittal of information to fulfill intelligence requirements set forth in the Plan will be automatically initiated by collecting agencies without instructions from MIS, Washington. For example, Special Study entitled "The Chinese Communist Army" requires the Military Attache, China, and other collecting agencies in that area to take immediate steps to provide necessary information as determined by the scope of the study.

(2) Simultaneously a survey will be made of available information and intelligence pertinent to each research desk's mission under the Plan. Based upon such survey each desk will prepare Requests for Information to obtain required information and to provide additional guidance to the collecting agencies.

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c. Production of Intelligence:

(1) Upon receipt of necessary information and within deadlines established by the War Department Intelligence Plan, the Research Decks, MIS, will produce Special Studies as set up by the Intelligence Plan and intelligence projects growing out of the Intelligence Plan.

(2) Specialists, MIS, will guide researchers in the requesting of information and production of intelligence to insure that intelligence needs established by the War Department Intelligence Plan are fulfilled and that intelligence produced is authoritative, complete, timely and consonant with the objectives of the Plan.

d. Dissemination of Intelligence.

(1) The Director of Intelligence will disseminate Special Studies and Projects, as produced, to all interested agencies.

e. Strategic Intelligence Digest (SID)

(1) Maintenance of the Strategic Intelligence Digest when established is a continuing obligation upon all agencies of MIS, both in the field and in Washington. Procedures to fulfill such obligation will be established in detail by separate memorandum.

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